Scholarship program honors two students

Appomattox County High School is proud to announce that two of its students have been named semi-finalist in this year's Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Michael Anthony McCoy and Wendell Todd Scruggs are eligible for consideration of becoming finalists for the scholarships by submitting additional test scores and personal informaiton of their achievements to the Scholarship Program.

Mike McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCoy, Sr. of Appomattox, is very involved with extra-curricular activities at ACHS. He presently serves as president of the SCA, editor of the Yearbook Staff, vice-president of the Senior Class and member of the tennis team. Talented in the field of music, Mike is very busy as a member of the ACHS Chorale and as organist and pianist of several choirs of his church. His excellent scholastic record, as well as his participation in the National Honor Society, the ACHS Program for Gifted and Talented Students, have made him a recruit by many prestigious colleges and universities. Undecided upon where to study, Mike is planning a career in the field of engineering.

Todd Scruggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Scruggs of Appomattox, has excelled at ACHS not only in academics and extracurricular activities but also in athletics. Todd is a member of the varsity football team, basketball team, track and weightlifting programs. He has been named all-district and regional player in football. Todd also has an outstanding scholastic record, participates in the National Honor Society and the ACHS Program for the Gifted and Talented Students. Todd is in the process of choosing a college to further his education in the field of engineering, and his many offerings from numerous colleges and universities makes this a tough decision.

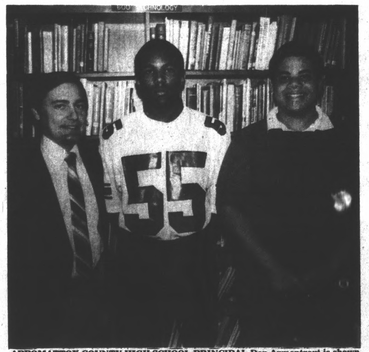
Some 1,500 Semifinalists have been named in the twentieth annual National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. Over 70,000 students who took the PSAT/NMSQUT in 1982 in high school juniors requested consideration in the competition for Achievement Scholarships to be offered in 1984. The promising young men and women who have qualified as Achievement Program Semifinalists represent the highest-scoring black students in each of six regional groups of states. They currently are enrolled in almost 1,000 secondary schools across 41 states and they are making their plans to begin college undergraduate study next fall.

Semifinalists now must advance to Finalist standing in the Achievement Program before receiving consideration for awards. To become Finalists, they must have attained records of high academic performance, be recommended and endorsed by their secondary school principals, confirm their earlier test performance with scores from a second examination, and submit informaiton about personal accomplishments and activities within their schools and communities. About 1,200 Semifinalists are expected to qualify as Finalists who will compete for 650 or more awards financed by grants of $2 million from some 180 program sponsors and by contributions from a large group of program donors.

All Finalists will be considered for National Achievement $1000 Scholarships, of which at least 350 will be awarded and allocated on a geographical representation basis. Winners of these one-time "National" awards of $1,000 will be the Finalists judged to have the best combination of abilities and achievements by a committee of educators from the nation's schools and colleges.

Some 300 renewable scholarships, worth between $1,000 and $8,000 over four years of college undergraduate study, will be awarded in 1984. About 200 of these awards will be provided by corporations and businesses for Finalists who meet perfernential criteria that may relate to career plans, place of residence, or relationship to an employee of the sponsor company. College and university sponsors will underwrite about 100 four-year awards for Finalists who will attend their institutions.

Winners of National Achievement $1000 Scholarships and corporate-sponsored four-year Achievement Scholarships will be announced publicly on March 21. Recipients of College-sponsored four-year Achievement Scholarships will be identified individually in May and June. The winners named in 1984 will being the 20-year total to 9,500 outstanding black students who have received Achievement Scholarships valued at over $28 million.



APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Don Armentrout is shown congratulating Todd Scruggs (center) and Mike McCoy (right), who were recently named semifinalists in this year's Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Gregory Hipps is promoted

Gregory M. Hipps, son of Mark and Mildred T. Hipps of Rural Route 1, Pamplin, Va., has been promoted in the the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Hipps is an aircraft maintenance specialist at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, with the 650th Test Group.

He is a 1979 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES GOVERNING THE DEFINITION OF THE NETWORK TERMINATION INTERFACE

The Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") proposes adopting rules governing the point separating telephone company-provided facilities and Customer Premises Wiring (CPW). The Commission proposes that a telephone company-provided demarcation device or network termination interface serve as the demarcation point between Customer Premises Wiring ("CPW") and telephone company facilities. The demarcation device would employ the industry's standard modular jack and plug, which permits the disconnection of all CPW from the telephone company network by simply removing the plug from the jack.

The Commission had proposed these rules as a result of various actions taken by the Federal Communications Commission concerning expensing station connections and detariffing customer premises equipment. Moreover, from time to time various telephone customers have sought to be able to install their own telephone wiring within their premises and certain telephone companies have filed tariffs with the Commission which would permit customers to install or to have installed their own telephone premises wiring.

The text of the proposed rules can be examined during normal business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, Floor B1, Jefferson Building, Bank and Governor Streets, Richmond, Virginia and during normal business hours at telephone company offices where customer bills may be paid.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rules on or before November 16, 1983, by writing to William C. Young, Clerk, Virginia State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23216, making reference to Case No. PUC830029. Any request to be heard orally must likewise be submitted.

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PTA meeting scheduled

The Appomattox Elementary School Parent-Teachers Association has scheduled its first meeting of the year for Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Following the business meeting, parents will play the role of studnts as teachers re-create the schedule of a day at school through activities and discussions on curriculum.

All parents are urged to make plans to attend this important first meeting.

The classroom having the highest number of parents attending will receive free ice cream.

'Trauma' workshop planned

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Mrs. Yvonne Knauff of the Virginia State Department of Health will conduct the workshop. She comes highly recommended by persons who have attended sessions which she has led.

Persons who would like to attend the workshop may do so by notifying Mrs. Virginia Fratrick, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, by Oct. 15. Her address is P.O. Box 517, Appomattox. A $2.00 registration fee should be included with your registration.

The local multidiscipline team was organized in 1980 for the purpose of promoting and assisting in the development of a coordinated service system directed toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The membership of the Appomattox County team includes representatives from Mental Health Services, local Sheriff's Department, Social Services, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, public schools, Health Department, Virginia Cooperative Extension Services, and volunteer services.

Committee activities revolve around three facets of involvement which are case consultation, program development, and public education. The local committee has previously sponsored a workshop on sexual abuse and hosted a regional meeting for members of multidiscipline teams in Central Virginia.

Program slated

The Appomattox Department of Social Services would like to announce that the 1983-84 Fuel Assistance Program will begin on November 1, 1983.

Due to a recent interpretation of the Virginia Public Procurement Act, no formal contracts will be signed with providers of wood, gas, coal, oil or electric heat.

The Appomattox Department of Social Services would like all businesses or individuals who wish to be fuel providers to come by our agency on Morton Lane between October 3, 1983 and October 14, 1983. You will be required to fill out a vendor survey form. This form will list the type of fuel, its quality and its price per unit of measure. From these forms, the fuel providers will be chosen.

If you have questions about becoming a fuel provider, please call 352-7125 and ask for Richard Martin or Randy Williams. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Board requests Route 26 change

By FRANCES ABBITT

Delegate Clande Anderson appeared before the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors at last Friday's meeting in answer to the board's appeal for help in getting a section of highway 26 in Appomattox County redone.

In the past two and one-half years a total of 61 accidents have occured on this section of highway 26 between Appomattox and Bent Creek, with 21 personal injury cases and 28 property damages.

Approximately 28 percent of the Appomattox County School buses travel over a portion of that roadway transporting students to and from school.

"Something needs to be done about this section of roadway, there's no doubt," said Del. Anderson. "Highway funds are way, way down now. Four or five years ago highway revenue funds amounted to approximately one half a million a year and now it is approximately $800,000. And the cost of road building has tripled," he added.

"I'm going to see what I can have done about having the speed limit for trucks reduced," Anderson added.

According to statistics approximately 140 trucks travel that section of highway 26 daily.

"It is our ultimate goal to have that section of roadway rebuilt," said Franklin Vaughan, member of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

"We realize that, because of a shortage of available funds, it may be some time before all the necessary changes can be made to alleviate the problems on this particular stretch of road. But we hope the department of highways will be able to take steps leading to the removal of conditions conducive to accidents," Vaughan added.

At the board's request, Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County, presented a state program to the board whereby delinquent taxes, court fees, and fines could be deducted from state tax funds. The board accepted the plan for the next year, however, there may be some question as to how much work and trouble it will be to compile lists and to secure the Social Security numbers of debtors.

"If we get 10 or 15 percent of these delinquent taxes its worth a try," commented Horace Coleman, board chairman.

Vic Bosiger and Jimmy Foster of Appomattox Cable TV appeared before the board with an update on progress of cable TV in Appomattox.

"We're running behind schedule in a few areas," said Bosiger. "It is largely due to problems with the utility companies. The poles, in some instances, aren't tall enough for proper clearance. Some need replacing."

"We cannot attach unless we can do so at the correct height. We have no insurance coverage unless attaching is done according to specifications at the proper height," Bosiger added.

The board agreed to write a friendly letter to the utility company asking for help in making the necessary changeovers.

Junius Haskins, representing the Lynchburg Community Action Group, LYNCAG, appeared before the board seeking recognition for LYNCAG as a Community Action Agency in Appomattox County. The request was granted.

KIM MAXWELL, left, 1982-83 Homecoming Queen, pins banner on Kim Shupe (center) who was crowned Appomattox County High School Homecoming Queen for 1983-84 during halftime ceremonies at Friday night's football game. Looking on is Miss Shupe's escort, Bobby Carter. Photo by Bill Sherrod

Steam excursion slated

The Norfolk and Western steam locomotive, the Class J #611 will roll on the tracks again. On Friday, October 21, the engine will power a one-way passenger excursion train from Appomattox to Crewe, Petersburg and Norfolk, Virginia.

The engine, having undergone repairs in Norfolk Southern's steam shops in Birmingham, Alabama, will be making its first trip in over a month. The train, sponsored by the Roanoke Transportation Museum, the owner of the locomotive, is principally targeted towards children and senior citizens groups said Museum President, David Helmer.

This past April a similar trip, sponsored by the Museum, attracted over 3,000 school children. This year for example, a group of over 200 children from the Rustburg Elementary School are going on a trip behind the #611 to Appomattox.

The train to be operated on Friday, October 21, will be the last excursion train through Appomattox this year. The special train will leave Lynchburg (N&W's Woodall Road Station) at 11:30 a.m. with stops in Appomattox and Crewe while enroute to Norfolk. The one way fare for either adults or children is $5.00 to Appomattox from Lynchburg and $6.00 from Appomattox to Crewe.

Group reservations may be made in advance by contacting the Roanoke Transportation Museum, 802 Wiley Drive, SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24015 (703-342-5670)

Armstrong announces milestone

By FRANCES ABBITT

The millionth suite of furniture rolled off the assembly line during the second shift work period yesterday (Tuesday) at Armstrong Furniture in Appomattox.

"We're pretty proud of our work," said William L. Lowe, plant manager. "We feel it's a big accomplishment, reaching our millionth suite of furniture in nine years.

Armstrong Furniture came to Appomattox in 1974. At the time the plant began work here there were approximately 100 workers; today there are over 750 workers.

"We started with 425,000 square feet of plant; today 750,000 are under roof," said Lowe.

"The promotionally priced furniture we offer is affordable to most of the working class in our country," said Lowe.

The furniture coming off the line last night consisting of dresser, chest, headboard and mirror will retail for approximately $450.00, depending on transporation costs.

"It is the fourth oldest suite in our lines," commented Lowe.

Offices for design and marketing of the furniture are headquartered in Thomasville, North Carolina.

"Today, the demand is for more furniture of Early American and Colonial design and less contemporary," commented Lowe.

The furniture produced by Armstrong today, is predominately wood, as opposed to plastic in the beginning.

"With the acceptance of our new products, we have been able to recall the people who were on furlough from Armstrong. They have received offers; not all have returned as yet though most of our employees have," concluded Lowe.

Newspaper office to close Thursday

The Times-Virginian newspaper office will be closed on Thursday, October 20 for the Atlantic Publications annual conference.

The office will reopen on Friday morning, October 21 at 8:30.

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Calvin Robinson, alias "Father Darkleaf"

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Had to stop for a traffic light and noticed the car in front. Had a bumper sign which said: "If you can read this, thank a teacher."

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With the World Series behind us, football commands the sports scene. Not everyone understands football. One such person noted that the FENCE boys appeared to dominate the play. First it was De and then Off.

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Thanks from all of us. A new Virginia Flag is being flown at the Courthouse Square. For some time had noticed that the old one was badly faded. To see a bright new flag proudly fluttering in the breeze is an inspiration.

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What a surprise. One day last week I looked out my front window at home and saw a huge bird perched on a tree limb, right in my front yard. Was not sure what it was but finally decided it was a female wild turkey! About the size of, or maybe larger, than a barnyard chicken.

More football. Happens very rarely - Alabama has lost two games in a row. Slippery Rock lost to Clarion, 24-6, but my alma mater, Univ. of Richmond finally got around to winning one, 31-26 over Central Florida. VPI made a good showing against fourth ranked West Virginia and ACHS defeated Jefferson Forest H.S. 28-14.

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From time to time I have saluted the achievements of ladies who were natives of Appomattox County. There have been many. Funeral services were held in Richmond Friday for one of the Virginia's most distinguished ladies, Mrs. Giles C. Engledove. She was the former Eloise Atwood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Atwood, leading Appomattox citizens. She was a sister of the late Mrs. L.L. Gayle. She was eighty years of age. Her honors included being listed in Who's Who Among American Women and President Nixon awarded her a citation in 1970 for her civic contributions. At various times she was President of the Virginia Association for the Prevention of Blindness, the Richmond Mental Health Association, the Parliamentary Law Club of Richmond, the President's Council of Richmond Women's Clubs, the Sunshine Circle of Crippled Children's Hospital, founder of the Richmond Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Association and was active on the board's of the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Virginia Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the Richmond Heart Association. She attended Hollins College and was a member of Centenary Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband and a son, Giles Engledove Jr. Graveside services were held Saturday in Riverview Cemetery.

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After an extended dry season, things are growing again and lawnmowers have resumed their activity. Add in leaf raking and there has been plenty to do around town. For that matter, there is always lots to do. Let us keep Appomattox a busy, neat and growing town. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Robinson to address chamber

The Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce fall general membership meeting will be tomorrow (Thursday) night at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

A social hour featuring light refreshments will begin at 6:30 p.m., and dinner is scheduled to start at 7:15. The Order of the Eastern Star is catering the social hour and dinner.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Calvin Robinson, former Times-Virginian editor and publisher, and current writer of the paper's "Father Darkleaf" column.

The son of a Baptist minister, Robinson was born in Norfolk and earned his college degree at the University of Richmond. While a student at Richmond, he got a taste of journalism, when he wrote his first newspaper columns for the university paper, the Richmond Collegian.

Following graduation, Robinson moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where he served as assistant principal of a high school, and later began writing for the Eastern Shore News.

In September of 1931, Robinson purchased the Times-Virginian from A.H. Clement and moved to the rolling hills of Central Virginia from the flat coastal terrain of the Eastern Shore peninsula. With a lifelong career, Robinson also got a lifelong mate in Appomattox, when he married the former Earle Patteson, a school teacher.

As editor and publisher of the Times-Virginian, Robinson saw Central Virginia and Appomattox County emerge from the depression to prosper in the years following the Second World War. As a journalist in that dynamic period of history, Robinson's many experiences ranged from meeting heads of state to dining with former heavyweight prizefighter Jack Dempsey.

Robinson made a brief foray into the world of broadcast, when he aired his "Country Editor" program over the Lynchburg radio station, WWOD, for approximately four years. During that time, he received a Virginia Broadcasters Association award for his grassroots commentary.

Robinson retired from newspapering in 1962 when he sold the Times-Virginian.

Through his years as a professional journalist, Robinson has remained what Appomattox Chamber of Commerce president Jim Nolen describes as "a one-man chamber of commerce" for the county, promoting his adopted county in his travels and day-to-day business.

Robinson will tap the vast resource of his experience tomorrow night, when he discusses the topic "Appomattox, a growing town" with the chamber of commerce membership.

Festival board plans meeting

The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board will meet at the town office building at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 25).

Anyone with suggestions for the 1984 festival is asked to attend this important planning meeting. Also, anyone who would like to work on the festival board should be present.

All suggestions for change or improvement are welcome. Anyone with ideas and suggestions who will be unable to attend the meeting is asked to contact any current member of the festival board, and give that board member the information for discussion at the Oct. 25 meeting.

Millner wins tiebreaker

Three persons tied for first place in last week's Times-Virginian Football Contest.

Willie Millner, Carolyn N. Thompson and Dolly Mayberry, all of Appomattox, each missed accurately predicting only one game in the contest.

Going to the tie-breaker for a winner, Willie Millner, with an 11-point differential in scores, was named winner in the contest. He will receive a check in the amount of $20 as first place prize.

Carolyn N. Thompson, with an 18-point spread in scores, is second place winner and will receive a check for $10 as second place winner.

The contest continues this week with full details of rules and prizes on page 9 of this issue of the paper.

Conrad airs TV show

Terri Conrad of Appomattox County is the hostess of a new television program, "Women and Finance," which airs on WSET-TV (Channel 13) the fourth Wednesday of each month during the "Metro" program.

The program deals with investments, finances and other consumer issues, particularly those of interest to women.

In her most recent show, which aired last month, Conrad examined the potential impact of legislation which will de-regulate the banking industry next year.

Other upcoming shows will deal with the various types of insurance on the market today, credit options, and other consumer subjects.

"More and more today, you find women are making the financial decisions in families," says Conrad. "In addition to major expenses such as purchasing groceries, you find women are paying bills, preparing family budgets, and making various other financial decisions."

A native of Northern Virginia, Conrad currently works full time as an insurance agent for Farm Bureau. She and her husband Tom have two children, Matt and Mandy, ages four and three.

The "Women and Finance" show is conducted on a discussion format. Conrad and Charlotte Anderson, hostess for the Metro program, discuss a topic which Conrad has researched before each show. A two-page summary of each discussion including references for additional information is available to viewers who want to further explore the topic of any given show, according to Conrad.

Conrad notes that the response to the first two shows she has done "has been very good."

The upcoming version of "Women and Finance" will deal with women and credit. The show is scheduled to air Oct. 26 during the Metro program, which is featured on Channel 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Terrie Conrad